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1. Szolnok (Q 48/O 37) airfield, construction of a concrete runway at Kunmadaras (R 48/J 80) airfield was completed in the summer of 1951. The field was allegedly occupied by Soviets equipped with jet planes.

2. at Kunmadaras airfield said that, in the summer of 1951, the field had been enlarged and improved by inmates of an internment camp. The capacity of the camp was about 2,000 men.

3. The field was allegedly occupied by 24 jet planes, some fighters, and Buecker trainers. Only politically reliable officers were allegedly allowed to fly jet aircraft because in the summer of 1951, some members of the field had fled on four planes to Yugoslavia. A small Soviet training staff who retrained Hungarian pilots on jet planes was also said to be stationed at the field. *

* Comment. The report confirms the presence of a concrete runway of probably 2,500 meters at Kunmadaras airfield. Although the statements on the occupation of the field contain no details it is believed that Hungarian pilots are being retrained there on jet planes by a Soviet training staff.

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